

Hawthorne Municipal Alliance Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2009

Present: Karen Chamberlin, Joanne J. Graziano, Councilman Dominic Mele, Robert Mooney, Alyson Pirozzolo, Lorraine Powell, Lia Staada, Jayne Ten Kate, Charlene Elvin: AA to Mayor Rich Goldberg

Called to Order: 4:40 pm

- 11-12-08
Approved as Written
Moved by Jayne Ten Kate – Second by Karen Chamberlin

Topics Addressed:

- **Quarterly Report** – Mrs. Powell indicated that she had almost completed the final report for 2008. She also stated that there is a small mathematical discrepancy of \$476.00 which needs to be found. All receipts had been turned in; however, this amount needed to be justified and will be properly addressed at the February 25th meeting.
- **Underage Drinking Coalition** – Ms. Graziano indicated that she and Mrs. Powell will be addressing this grant concerning a meeting date. Mrs. Powell stated that the five Passaic County municipalities would be invited to a program at William Paterson University on March 19, 2009 regarding this issue. She will have more details at the February 25th meeting. It was also stated by Mrs. Elvin that the municipality of Hawthorne has been involved in several sting operations regarding underage drinking and all had been successful in their outcome.
- **Senior Citizen Activity** – Mrs. Ten Kate will be contacting the jazz band director regarding a date for their performance at the Van Dyk Assisted Living Center. Once the date is established, then we will proceed with the event. Another suggestion was made by Mr. Mooney (Superintendent of Schools) who recommended that the school play dress rehearsal (May 2009) could be an avenue of getting our senior citizen population involved in the school district. It is also a good means of networking by showing what our high school students are

capable of accomplishing. A discussion ensued and this suggestion will be considered for the May 2009 program.

- **Assembly Bill 3686** – Mrs. Powell gave out a copy of the current “proposed bill” regarding funding for the Municipal Alliances. This “proposed bill” would take away monies directly from the alliances and by filtered through another agency. This “proposed bill” has met with strong opposition and needs to be addressed concerning the availability of funding. Sample letters were given out to be sent to various legislators regarding the passage of this “proposed bill”. It was also stated that possibly a meeting should be set up between the sponsors of this bill and the alliance members. More information is to follow at the February 25th meeting.
- **Alcohol Awareness Week** – Mrs. Powell stated that Alcohol Awareness Week will be sometime during the month of April and various programs would be conducted within the school system.
- **Peer Leaders** – Mrs. Powell introduced our Junior Peer Leaders, Lia and Alyson, to the group and stated that they will be attending our meetings and be a viable resource for our committee.
- ***As a point of information, Hawthorne Day will be September 27, 2009 and the Municipal Alliance Committee will have a booth at this event. ***

Meeting Adjourned: 5:30 pm